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SUBJECT: USIA ENTRANCE - NEW CHANCERY BUILDING

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1. THE PROPOSED WALK BRIDGE WOULD BE LOCATED ON THE NORTHERN PERIMETER BETWEEN THE MAIN GATE AND SERVICE ENTRANCE GUARD HOUSES. THE NEW UNIFORMED CIVILIAN GUARD POST WOULD BE LOCATED INSIDE PERIMETER FENCE BUT OUTSIDE RETAINING WALL AT BASE OF STAIRS LEADING TO WALK BRIDGE. AMERICAN CENTER SEPARATE ENTRANCE GATE WOULD BE LOCATED IN THE PERIMETER FENCE ACROSS FROM STAIRS. THIS ENTRANCE, WITH ADDITIONAL FENCING, WOULD ALLOW ACCESS ONLY TO STAIRS LEADING TO WALK BRIDGE. (SEE PLOT PLAN FORWARDED FBO BY OM DATED FEBRUARY 6.)

2. RSO'S RATIONALE FOR USIS WAS POLICE OUTSIDE OF SEPARATE COMPOUND ENTRANCE; UNIFORMED EMBASSY GUARD AT GATE; RECEPTIONIST (WHO MIGHT HAVE BEEN CONTRACT NON-UNIFORMED GUARD) INSIDE SEPARATE ENTRANCE TO BUILDING; AND COMPARTMENTALIZATION OR ISOLATION OF USIS CENTER AND COMMERCIAL LIBRARY AREAS FROM REST OF CHANCERY.

3. GIVEN, HOWEVER, REQUIREMENT FOR PARCEL INSPECTION EMBASSY AND USIS CONCUR THAT CENTER PROGRAM WOULD BE SO ADVERSELY AFFECTED THAT CENTER SHOULD NOT BE PART OF CHANCERY. THEREFORE, PLANNING NOW SHOULD PROCEED

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ON BASIS THAT ONLY USIS HEADQUARTERS STAFF WILL MOVE

INTO CHANCERY; THE TOKYO AMERICAN CENTER AND ALL ITS
STAFF MUST REMAIN IN SEPARATE FACILITIES.

4. REGRET RECOGNIZED INCONVENIENCE CAUSED BUT MISSION
BELIEVES THIS NOW ONLY POSSIBLE COURSE AND PLANS FOR
SEPARATE ENTRANCE SHOULD BE SCRAPPED.

5. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS RE COMMERCIAL LIBRARY.

6. ADVISE.
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